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THE
END.

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CITY.

I AM
CALLED THE
WATCHER.

AND
WHILE MY
RACE IS **FORBIDDEN**
TO INTERFERE, I
ALONE HAVE TAKEN A
SPECIAL INTEREST
IN THIS PLANET...
AND HER
PEOPLES.

FOR IN
THE MIST OF
GREAT ADVERSITY,
THEY HAVE ALWAYS HAD
WITHIN THEMSELVES
A CAPACITY FOR
HOPE...

... AND
THAT **FAITH** HAS
BEEN REWARDED
BY A UNIQUE AND
SELFLESS
FEW.

HEROES,
ONE AND ALL,
WHO LIVED IN A TIME
THAT WILL BE KNOWN
AS **THE AGE OF
WONDERS.**

AN AGE
WHICH, I FEAR,
IS ABOUT TO
END.

FOR THE
MAN WHO ONCE
PERSONIFIED THAT
INDOMITABLE BELIEF IN
A BETTER TOMORROW --
CHARLES XAVIER --
HAS BEEN **CORRUPTED**
BY HIS BASER
INSTINCTS.

AND WITH
THE MOST POWERFUL
MUTANT MIND ON THE
PLANET, HE HAS BECOME
THE **HERALD OF
ARMAGEDDON...**

... CALLED

ONSLAUGHT

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STREET LEVEL.
NOW.

**MRS.
RICHARDS!**

SUSAN,
LISTEN TO ME!
WE ARE IN THE EYE
OF A PSIONIC
HURRICANE.

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MUCH LONGER --
EVEN BETWEEN MY
TELEKINESIS AND
YOUR INVISIBLE
SHIELDS -- WE
CAN HOLD
OUT HERE.

BEEN
--UHHN-- HAVING
A TOUGH ENOUGH
TIME WITH MY
POWERS
LATELY...

... THIS
TELEPATHIC
STORM ISN'T
HELPING
ANY!

I SUGGEST
WE FIND THE
OTHERS
AND...

STA
IT
JEP
WA
RIC
MI



NO!

CABLE,
IF YOU WANT TO
GO AND HELP THE
OTHER HEROES,
THEN **GO**.

BUT
ONSLAUGHT
HAS MY SON
SOMEWHERE
IN THIS
CITADEL.

RIGHT
NOW, I DON'T
EVEN CARE WHAT
SICK USE HE HAS
PLANNED FOR
FRANKLIN.

MAYBE
YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT IT
IS TO BE A
PARENT --

-- BUT
IF THERE'S A
CHANCE
IN A MILLION
THAT I CAN
GET MY BOY
BACK --

-- THEN
I'LL TAKE THAT
CHANCE.

SHE IS SUSAN RICHARDS, ALSO
CALLED THE INVISIBLE WOMAN --
HEART AND SOUL OF THE COSMIC
QUARTET OF ADVENTURERS WHO
USHERED IN THIS AGE OF WONDERS...

BY HER SIDE, A WARRIOR FROM
A TIME YET TO COME... A TIME
THAT, UNLESS THE TYRANNY OF
THE ONE CALLED ONSLAUGHT
IS DEFEATED, MAY NEVER COME.

HE IS NATHAN DAYSPRING
SUMMERS, AND HE HAS A
DESTINY HE HAS NOT YET
FULFILLED...

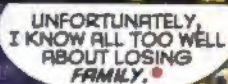
... AS THE MAN CALLED
CABLE, HE IS HERE IN
THIS ERA SEARCHING
FOR A WAY TO PREVENT
THE RISE TO POWER OF
A MILLENNIA-OLD EVIL.

ONE WHOSE
AGE MAY HAVE
JUST BEGUN...

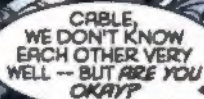
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IT IS ALWAYS DARKEST...

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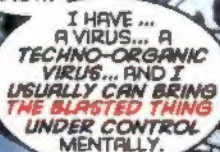
UNFORTUNATELY
I KNOW ALL TOO WELL
ABOUT LOSING
FAMILY.



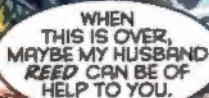
CABLE,
WE DON'T KNOW
EACH OTHER VERY
WELL -- BUT ARE YOU
OKAY?



I... I
=UNNH=
DON'T
KNOW.



I HAVE ...
A VIRUS... A
TECHNO-ORGANIC
VIRUS... AND I
USUALLY CAN BRING
THE BLASTED THING
UNDER CONTROL
MENTALLY.



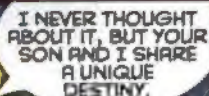
WHEN
THIS IS OVER,
MAYBE MY HUSBAND
REED CAN BE OF
HELP TO YOU.



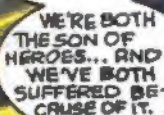
"WHEN THIS
IS OVER."



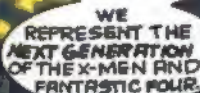
I...
ADMIRE YOUR
OPTIMISM.



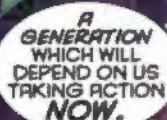
I NEVER THOUGHT
ABOUT IT, BUT YOUR
SON AND I SHARE
A UNIQUE
DESTINY.



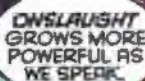
WE'RE BOTH
THE SON OF
HEROES... AND
WE'VE BOTH
SUFFERED BE-
CAUSE OF IT.



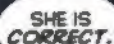
WE
REPRESENT THE
NEXT GENERATION
OF THE X-MEN AND
FANTASTIC FOUR.



A
GENERATION
WHICH WILL
DEPEND ON US
TAKING ACTION
NOW.



ONSLAUGHT
GROWS MORE
POWERFUL AS
WE SPEAK.



SHE IS
CORRECT.



YOU?!



KKKRRRRUNCH

IMAGINE YOU ARE IN
THE MIDDLE OF YOUR
WORST NIGHTMARE...

... AND YOU WAKE UP
ONLY TO REALIZE THE
NIGHTMARE HAS ONLY
JUST STARTED...

... AND YOU WILL HAVE THE
FIRST INKLING OF WHAT CABLE
IS NOW EXPERIENCING.

APCALYPSE!

HERE --
NOW?

APPARENTLY,
MY ONCE AND
FUTURE FOE.

I HAVE
WAITED SO
VERY LONG
FOR THIS
MOMENT.

TWO
WARRIORS,
THEIR DESTINIES
ENTWINED THROUGH
ETERNITY, MEETING
AS ONE ERA
ENDS...

... AND
ANOTHER
DAWS.

FOR WHAT
BETTER TIME TO
TEST THE STRENGTH
OF A PEOPLE... TO SEE
WHO AMONG THEM
WILL BE STRONG
ENOUGH TO
SURVIVE?

YOU MEAN
WHAT BETTER TIME
TO EXPLOIT THE WEAK
AND TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF GLOBAL
UPHEAVAL?

CABLE'S WHOLE
LIFE IS ABOUT THIS
SINGLE MOMENT.

HE WAS BORN FOR
THE SOLE PURPOSE OF
DESTROYING THE VILLAIN
WHO STANDS BEFORE
HIM.

SO, DESPITE THE
PSIONIC PAIN
WHICH TEARS
THROUGH HIS
BODY --

-- CABLE REACTS
INSTINCTIVELY!



I CAN
TELL YOU
ONE
THING --

YOU'RE ~~NOT~~
GOING TO BE
AROUND
TO SEE HOW IT
TURNS OUT!

WAAAA

A BATTLE
WITH YOU NOW
IS NOT IN MY
INTEREST.

TOO
BAD.

WE'VE GOT
CONFLICTING
INTERESTS.

YOU
ARE A FOOL,
SUMMERS.

I HAVE
WALKED THIS
EARTH FOR TWO
THOUSAND
YEARS --

-- MINE IS
THE WISDOM
OF THE
AGES!



WHILE
I OBSERVE
THE TAPESTRY OF
HISTORY AS IT
WEAVES FROM
PAST TO
FUTURE...

... YOU
LIVE ON EACH
SINGLE THREAD,
NEVER LOOKING TO
THE HORIZON.

EVEN
WHEN THE SOLE
SOLUTION TO THE
CURRENT CRISIS
STANDS BEFORE
YOU.

ALL I
SEE BEFORE ME
IS A KILLER WHO
THINKS THE POWER
HE WAS BORN WITH
PLACES HIM ABOVE
EVERYONE
ELSE...

... A
SELF-STYLED
MEGALOMANIAC
WHO CARES FOR
NOTHING BUT HIS
OWN INSANE
SCHEMES.

THEN
WHAT IF I TOLD
YOU IT WERE IN
MY OWN INTEREST
TO DEFEAT
ONSLAUGHT?

FOR I,
ALONE, KNOW
OF A WAY WE CAN
SEPARATE THE
BEING FROM
THE BOY --

-- THE
CHILD WHOM
ONSLAUGHT
WOULD USE
TO ALTER
REALITY --

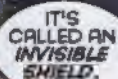
-- FRANKLIN
RICHARDS.

FALSE PROMISES
FROM THE KING
OF THEM.

NOTHING
IS GOING TO
STOP ME FROM --

WHAT
THE --?!

AND YET,
SOMETHING
HAS.



IT'S CALLED AN INVISIBLE SHIELD.

AND I DOUBT EITHER OF YOU COULD CRACK IT.

CABLE, I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO MAKE A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL HIMSELF --

-- I HAD PUT ASIDE ALL MY HATRED FOR Dr. DOOM TO SAVE MY HUSBAND.

IF APOCALYPSE KNOWS OF A WAY TO SAVE FRANKLIN, WE HAVE TO HEAR HIM OUT.

ONCE AGAIN, THE NEEDS OF THE MANY OUTWEIGH THE NEEDS OF THE FEW.

ONCE AGAIN I MUST SACRIFICE WHAT SHOULD BE DONE FOR WHAT MUST BE DONE.

EVERY FIBER IN MY BODY WANTS TO END THE MADNESS THAT IS APOCALYPSE...

... IT'S WHAT I'VE WAITED MY WHOLE LIFE TO DO.

Mrs. RICHARDS, YOU HAVE MY ADMIRATION... SOMETHING I DO NOT GIVE LIGHTLY.

NOW, THEN, SINCE ONSLAUGHT IS ESSENTIALLY A BEING OF PURE PSIONIC ENERGY, HE WILL BE VULNERABLE TO THE VERY PLACE HE DRAWS HIS POWER FROM --

THE ASTRAL PLANE!

AND NO MATTER HOW DISTASTEFUL HE MAY FIND IT --

— ONLY ONE MAN HAS THE POWER TO TAKE ME THERE.

YOU, MY ETERNAL ENEMY.

BUT IF THERE'S A CHANCE TO PREVENT ONSLAUGHT FROM ACCESSING FRANKLIN'S POWER...

... TO SAVE FRANKLIN...

... I'VE GOTTA DO IT.



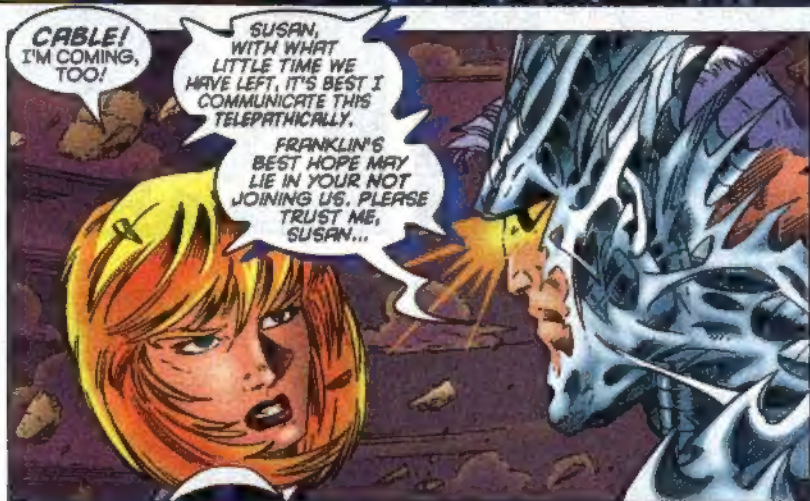
ALL
RIGHT.

FOR
NOW.

BUT,
THE MOMENT
THIS IS
FINISHED —

— I
WILL TAKE
YOU
DOWN.

WE ARE
WASTING
PRECIOUS
TIME.



CABLE!
I'M COMING,
TOO!

SUSAN,
WITH WHAT
LITTLE TIME WE
HAVE LEFT, IT'S BEST I
COMMUNICATE THIS
TELEPATHICALLY.

FRANKLIN'S
BEST HOPE MAY
LIE IN YOUR NOT
JOINING US. PLEASE
TRUST ME,
SUSAN...



... I
WON'T LET
YOUR BOY
DIE.

THEN
GO, AND MAY
GOD WATCH
OVER YOU.

SURELY,
Mrs. RICHARDS,
YOU REALIZE THE
ONLY GODS ARE THOSE
LEFT ON THIS
BATTLEFIELD?



YES,
LET'S GET
STARTED.

THIS IS
A JOURNEY
WHICH ONLY CABLE
AND I WILL
BE TAKING,
RICHARDS.

YOUR
PRESENCE
IS NOT
REQUIRED.



AND WITH THAT
THOUGHT, THEY
DEPART.

LEAVING ONLY
THE WATCHER...

... AS THEIR
SILENT
WITNESS...

... KNOWING
THAT THE FATE
OF THE UNIVERSE LIES
IN THE HANDS OF THE
MOST BITTER OF ENEMIES.

THE ASTRAL PLANE.

THAT STRANGE, UNKNOWN LOCUS THAT CONNECTS EVERY MIND ON THE PLANET.

A PLACE THAT CAN ONLY BE ACCESSED BY A HIGHLY SELECT HANDFUL OF TELEPATHS...

OF WHICH CABLE IS ONE.

GLORIOUS, IS IT NOT?

I WONDER IF ONSLAUGHT HIMSELF KNOWS OF THE UNTOLD WRECKAGE HE BRINGS UPON THE UNIVERSE?

HOW HIS VERY EXISTENCE ACTS AS A SIPHON, FUNNELING DOWN THE COLLECTIVE PSYCHIC ENERGY OF ALL LIVING CREATURES...

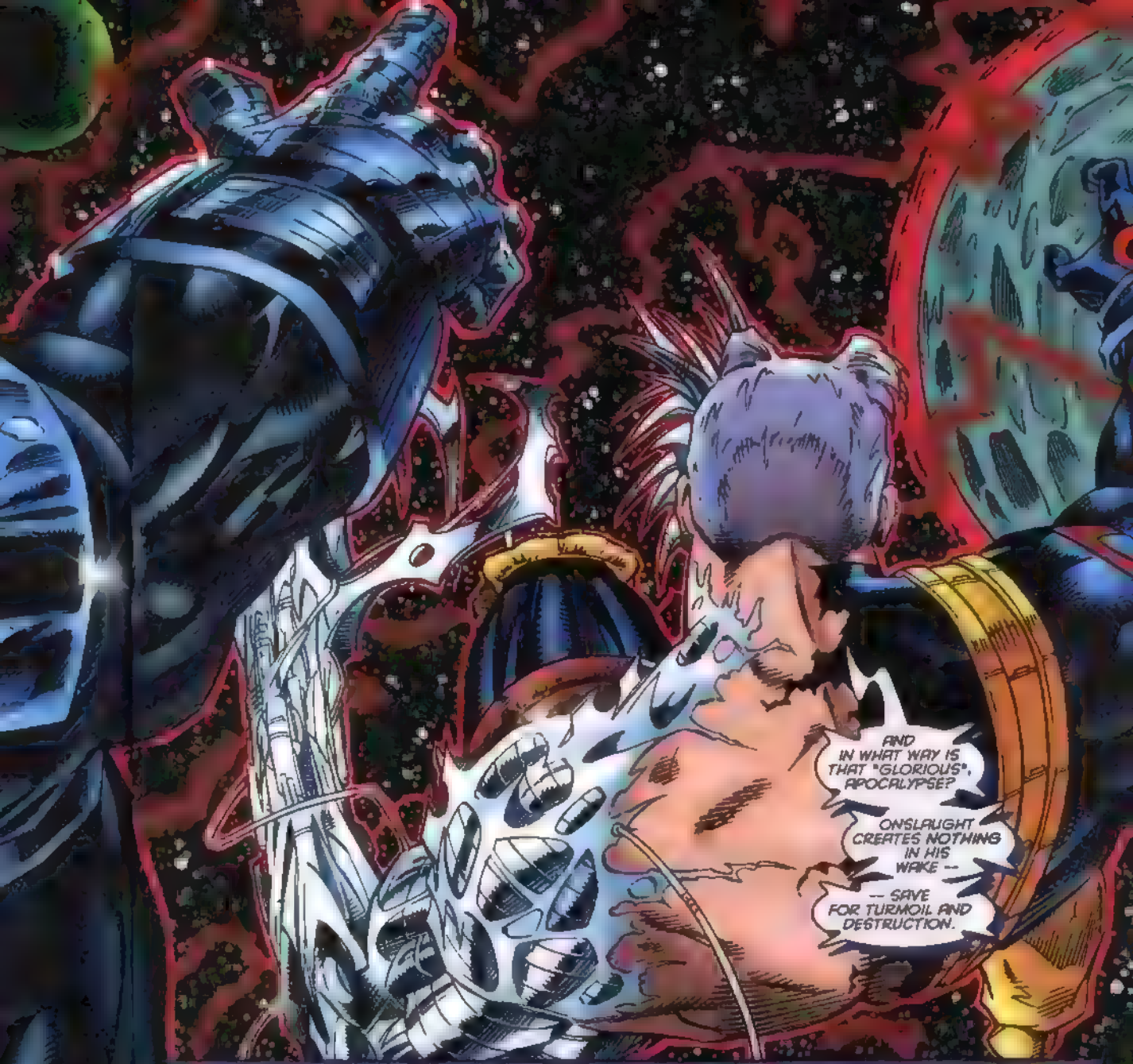
...FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL USAGE.

ONLY A WARPED MIND LIKE YOURS WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING WHICH VIOLATES THE LAWS OF NATURE.

AND THAT'S WHY YOUR PATH WILL NEVER LEAD TO ANYTHING BUT EMPTINESS.

YOU SURPRISE CABLE.

YOU THINK WARREN MANY CARS YOU I PA WE BE



AND
IN WHAT WAY IS
THAT "GLORIOUS",
APOCALYPSE?

ONSLAUGHT
CREATES NOTHING
IN HIS
WAKE --

-- SAVE
FOR TURMOIL AND
DESTRUCTION.

YOU
SURPRISE ME,
CABLE.

ONE
WOULD NOT
THINK THAT A
WARRIOR OF AS
MANY CAMPAIGNS
AS YOU HAVE TAKEN
PART IN
WOULD BE SO...

... NAIVE.



KEEP
TALKING, MAD-
MAN, WHILE YOU
RANT...

... I'LL USE THE
ADVANTAGE A
TELEPATH HAS HERE,
IN THE REALM OF PURE
THOUGHT...

... TO PULL
MYSELF
TOGETHER.

INTERESTING...



... THE
TECHNO-ORGANIC
VIRUS I INFECTED YOU
WITH AT BIRTH HAS
NEARLY RUN ITS
COURSE.

THOUGH
YOU YET LIVE,
ALL THAT YOU MIGHT
HAVE BEEN HAS BEEN
IRREPARABLY
ALTERED.

MAYBE,
BUT NOT IN
THE WAY YOU
EXPECTED.

ALL YOU
SUCCEEDED
IN DOING WAS
MAKING ME
STRONGER.

SOMETHING
YOU'LL REGRET —
I PROMISE.

REALLY...



THEN,
PERHAPS I
SHOULD CURE
YOU
NOW...
... AND
WIPE THE VIRUS
CLEAN FROM
YOUR
BODY.



FORGET IT,
APOCALYPSE.

I'VE
LIVED WITH
IT THIS
LONG...

... I'LL
DEAL WITH
IT.

INDEED,
YOU SHALL.





COME,
WE NEAR OUR
DESTINATION.

BELOW
US IS THE PSIONIC
MANIFESTATION OF
EARTH BEING TORN
ASUNDER.

IS THAT
FEAR IN YOUR TONE,
APOCALYPSE?

AFTER
ALL, IT'S KINDA
HARD TO BE A
KING IF
THERE'S NO
KINGDOM.

DO NOT
PRESUME TO
UNDERSTAND
MY MOTIVES,
CABLE.

HERE,
LIKE FISH
IN A STREAM, WE
WILL PASS THROUGH
THE ASTRAL PLANE
UNNOTICED...

... INTO
THE VERY HEART
OF ENSLUGHT'S
CITADEL!

OUTSIDE THE
ASTRAL PLANE...

ATOP A CITADEL
BUILT OF SOLIDIFIED
TELEPATHIC ENERGY --

-- A BEING OF ALMOST
MYTHIC PROPORTIONS
SURVEYS HIS CONQUESTS.

CONCEALED AS THE
PSIONIC PROJECTION
OF THE PENT-UP
FRUSTRATIONS OF
CHARLES XAVIER...

... AND EMBOLDENED
INTO LIFE BY THE GENETIC
HATRED OF ERIK LENSHER --
THE SELF-PROCLAIMED MASTER
OF MAGNETISM KNOWN AS
MAGNETO...

... ONSLAUGHT
IS NOW A BEING
UNTO ITSELF.

BEYOND BOTH
XAVIER AND
MAGNETO.

WHERE ONCE XAVIER
HIMSELF WAS TRAPPED
WITHIN ITS CHAMBER-
LIKE ARMOR --

-- ONSLAUGHT NOW
HOLDS CAPTIVE
YOUNG FRANKLIN
RICHARDS --

-- WHOSE REALITY-
ALTERING POWERS HE
INTENDS TO USE TO
RE-SHAPE THE WORLD
IN HIS IMAGE

I
KNOW YOU ARE
FRIGHTENED.

WE ARE
ALWAYS FRIGHTENED
BY WHAT WE DO NOT
UNDERSTAND.

KNOW
ONLY
THIS.

YOU WILL
PLAY A CRITICAL
ROLE IN CHANGING
A WORLD THAT WAS
DESTINED TO
COLLAPSE UPON
ITSELF...

... HAD
I NOT ARRIVED
TO BECOME ITS
SAVIOR.

HE WAS FREED BY THOR IN
ON
SHELL NOW Dark

I... I
JUST WANT
TO GO
HOME.

YOU
ARE HOME,
CHILD.

SUDDENLY...

WHO --?!

AWW. THE
TIME-WALKING
SON OF SCOTT
SUMMERS... AND
THE ANCIENT
EGYPTIAN?!

THE
ALPHA AND THE
OMEGA.

YOU
TRULY ARE
DESPERATE!

DISCOVERED
IMMEDIATELY! THIS WAS...
UNEXPECTED.

WHO'S THE
DESPERATE ONE,
ONSLAUGHT?

YOU'VE
TWICE SENT
YOUR LACKIES TO
TAKE ME OUT BEFORE
I COULD GET
TO YOU. •

WHAT'RE
YOU AFRAID
OF?

I FEAR
NOTHING!

NATURE...
CREATION ITSELF
IS MINE TO
COMMAND!

PSIONIC
PROJECTIONS
OF THE HULK, POSE
AND MAGNETO
HIMSELF.

HARDLY
WORTH THE
EXPENDITURE OF
YOUR ENERGIES,
ONSLAUGHT.



APOCALYPSE!

ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE THIS YOUR ALL?

TO RISK DEATH TO MEET OUR ENDS?

NEED YOU ASK?

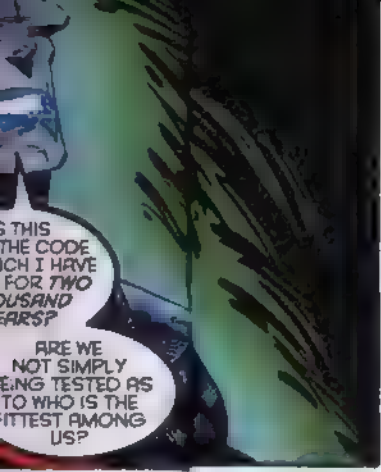
IS THIS NOT THE CODE BY WHICH I HAVE LIVED FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS?

ARE WE NOT SIMPLY BEING TESTED AS TO WHO IS THE FITTEST AMONG US?

THEN, FIGHT ON, "ETERNAL ONE".

IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN OUR DAY TO BE TESTED AGAINST EACH OTHER STILL AWAITS US!

ONE WHICH I LOOK FORWARD TO WITH EAGER ANTICIPATION, "CHOSEN ONE."



OUT OF HULK'S WAY, BLUE MAN.

NO ONE IS STRONGER THAN HULK —

-- HULK IS THE STRONGEST THERE IS!

IS THIS THE CODE WHICH I HAVE FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS? ARE WE NOT SIMPLY BEING TESTED AS TO WHO IS THE Fittest AMONG US?

ROAARRR

EVEN WITH THE HELP OF PSIONIC ENERGY FROM THE ASTRAL PLANE --

-- IT'S GONNA BE TOUGH TO HOLD MY OWN BODY TOGETHER --

-- AND TAKE ON A CREATURE WHO ALMOST KILLED ME! --

BUT FRANKLIN IS DEPENDING ON ME -- AND I WON'T LET HIM DOWN!

TIME
GROWS
SHORT.

WITH CABLE
PREOCCUPIED, I
CAN COMPLETE THE
APPOINTED
TASK.

YOU'RE
HERE TO HELP
ME, RIGHT? TO
TAKE ME HOME
TO MY MOMMY
AND
DADDY?

... BY
THE VEIL OF
DEATH!

CHILD,
NOT ONLY DOES
YOUR PRESENCE
UNEVEN THE
BATTLEFIELD...

... YOU
ALSO POSE
A FUTURE
THREAT TO
ME.

IT IS
NECESSARY
THAT YOU BE
SEPARATED
FROM THE
ENTITY...

CLOSE
YOUR EYES,
BOY.

EMBRACE THE
UNFATHOMABLE!

RICHARDS!
MAKE YOUR
MOVE!

NOW!



I--
I CAN'T
MOVE! BUT
HOW?

ME.

NO

GET
AWAY
FROM
MY
SON, YOU
BUTCHER!



DID
YOU ACTUALLY
THINK THAT WE
WOULD ALLOW
YOU TO HARM
FRANKLIN?

CABLE
KEPT ME
TELEPATHICALLY
HIDDEN ALL
ALONG.



I CARE
LITTLE WHAT
YOU THINK,
WOMAN.

I
PROMISED ONLY
TO SEPARATE THE BOY
FROM THE BEING, THUS
MAKING ONE SLIGHT
VULNERABLE.

WHAT
IS ONE SMALL
LOSS COMPARED
TO THE FATE OF
THIS PLANET?



SURELY, CABLE, YOU AS A SOLDIER UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF ~~ACCEPTABLE~~ LOSSES!

YOU CANNOT ALLOW A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS SUCH AS ~~CRYING~~ ABOUT AN INSIGNIFICANT CHILD STOP US --

OH, YES, I CAN!

EVEN IF IT MEANS KILLING YOU HERE AND NOW!



DO YOU SEE NOW, FRANKLIN, WHY I HAVE ALLOWED THIS TO OCCUR?

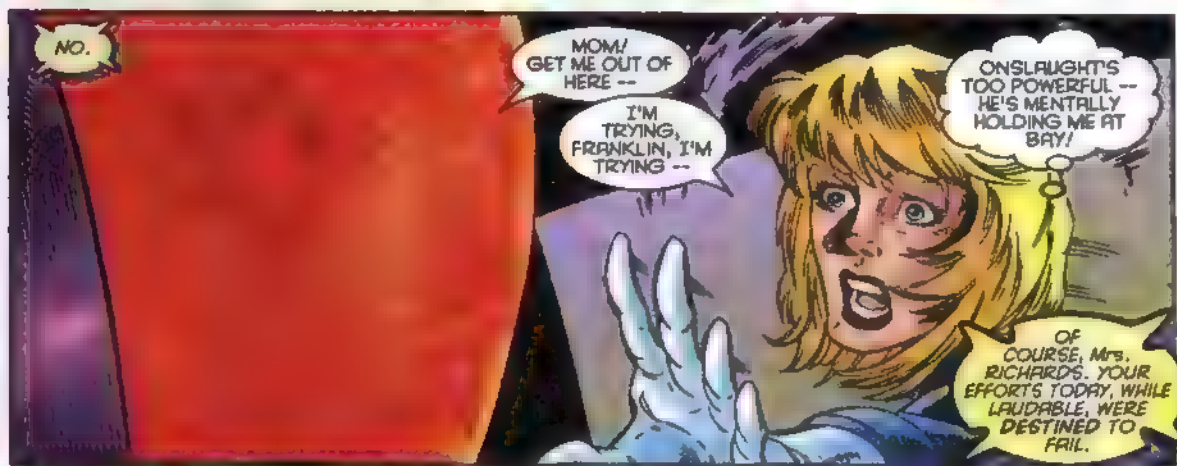
WHAT BETTER ILLUSTRATION OF THE TRUE NATURE OF ALL HUMANS?

HOW ONE WILL ALWAYS BETRAY THE OTHER TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN PERSONAL GOALS?

YOU WILL HELP ME CHANGE ALL THAT, CHILD.

NO! EVERYBODY'S NOT LIKE THAT!

I WANT TO GO HOME! LET ME GO!



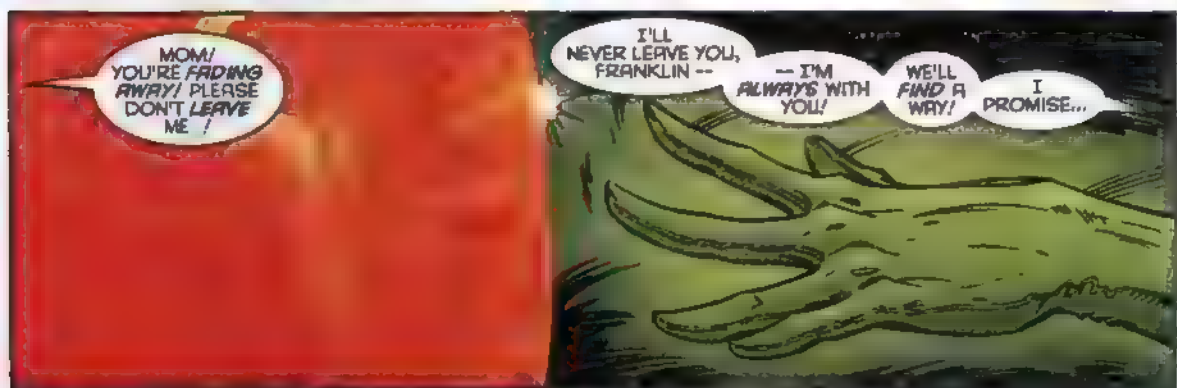
NO.

MOM! GET ME OUT OF HERE --

I'M TRYING, FRANKLIN, I'M TRYING --

ONSLAUGHT'S TOO POWERFUL -- HE'S MENTALLY HOLDING ME AT BAY!

OF COURSE, Mrs. RICHARDS. YOUR EFFORTS TODAY, WHILE LAUDABLE, WERE DESTINED TO FAIL.



MOM! YOU'RE FADING AWAY! PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME!

I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU, FRANKLIN --

-- I'M ALWAYS WITH YOU!

WE'LL FIND A WAY!

I PROMISE...

BE
GONE.

AND IN LESS TIME THAN
IT TAKES TO BLINK AN
EYE, THEY ARE ALL
TRANSPORTED OUT OF
THE CITADEL --

-- OUT OF
THE ASTRAL
PLANE --

-- AND BACK TO THE
BATTLE-SCARRED
STREETS OF NEW YORK!

IMBECILES!

DO
YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA WHAT
YOUR DUPlicitous
Ploy COST US
THIS DAY?

DO
YOU?!

IT
COST YOU A
CHANCE TO DO TO
FRANKLIN WHAT
YOU DID TO
ME.

HE'S
ALIVE AND
UNHARMED --
THERE'S STILL
HOPE TO FREE
HIM.

THE
WAY I
SEE IT, WE
WON.

DID
YOU?

DID YOU
REALLY?

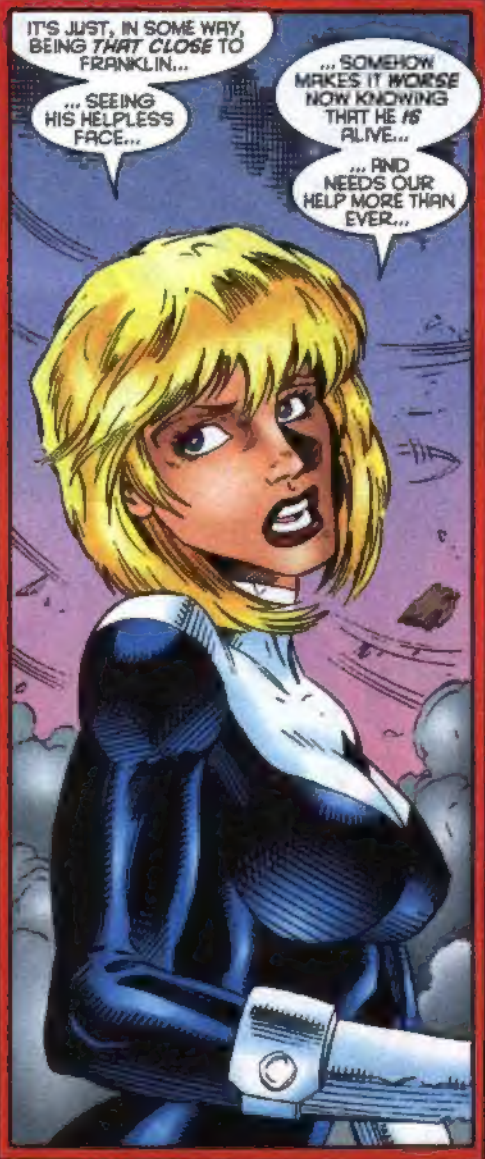
AND AS HIS THUNDEROUS
VOICE ECHOES, APOCALYPSE
TELEPORTS AWAY --

-- LEAVING
THE INVISIBLE
WOMAN
HAUNTED BY
WHAT HAS JUST
TRANSPIRED.



SUSAN.
IF
THERE WERE
ANY OTHER
WAY...

I
KNEW THE
RISKS, CABLE,
GOING
IN.



IT'S JUST, IN SOME WAY,
BEING THAT CLOSE TO
FRANKLIN...

... SEEING
HIS HELPLESS
FACE...

... SOMEHOW
MAKES IT WORSE
NOW KNOWING
THAT HE IS
ALIVE...

... AND
NEEDS OUR
HELP MORE THAN
EVER...



AND
WE WILL.

WE
WILL BRING
BACK YOUR SON
SAFELY...

... AND STOP
ONSLAUGHT
ONCE AND
FOR ALL.

7 ABOVE THE
STREETS...

... THE MUTANT WHO TOOK THE NAME
WHICH DESCRIBES THE END OF ALL
THAT IS... PONDER'S HOW MUCH LONGER
BEFORE THE APOCALYPSE BECOMES
A REALITY.

YOU
MUST RESPECT
THEM.

FOR
DESPITE THEIR
SACRIFICE, THEY
WERE UNWILLING
TO BECOME LIKE
YOU --

-- AND
ALLOW THE
END TO
JUSTIFY ANY
MEANS.

I SAW
ONLY WEAKNESS
AT A TIME WHEN
STRENGTH WAS
NEEDED.

THAT I
WILL NEVER
RESPECT.

AND
YET, ONE MUST
WONDER WHAT KIND
OF STRENGTH IT TAKES
TO GIVE UP WHAT YOU
WANT MORE THAN
ANYTHING --

-- TO
AVOID
BECOMING
THE THING YOU
HATE THE
MOST.

WE
WILL SEE WHO IS
LEFT TO REVEL IN
THEIR VAUNTED
NOBILITY --

-- WHEN
ONSLAUGHT
DESTROYS
IT ALL...

INSIDE
ONSLAUGHT'S
CITADEL.



THE CREATURE WHO
WOULD RECONSTRUCT
THE UNIVERSE TO SUIT
ITS NEEDS...

... RETHINKS THE
DAY'S EVENTS...

... CURIOUS AS TO WHY
THESE... HUMANS RESIST
THEIR BENEVOLENT GOD.



UNWARE THAT WITHIN THE
CHILD WHO HE HAD FORCED
INTO COLLUSION...



... A CHILD WHO THE
BEING HELD AT BAY
WITH THE POWER OF
FEAR...

... SOMETHING
HAS CHANGED.

INSPIRED BY THE SELFLESS
ACT OF HIS MOTHER AND
THE MAN CALLED CABLE --

-- FRANKLIN RICHARDS HAS
A RENEWED SPARK WITHIN
HIS SOUL THAT WILL MAKE
A DIFFERENCE FROM THIS
POINT ON.

HE HAS
HOPE.



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NEXT ISSUE: THE **TECHNO-VIRUS** HAS COMPLETELY
TAKEN OVER HIS BODY -- WILL CABLE SURVIVE?